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334. A sum of Rs. 1,62,798 (Rs. 1,58,259) was spent under conservancy and sanitation.

Conservancy and Sanitation.

335. Out of 1,639 births, 429 cases were reported from Maternity Hospital and the remaining 1,212 cases were reported from the various Divisions of the City. The birth rate works out to 29·2 per 1,000 population as against 32·1 in the previous year. Births.

336. Out of 557 deaths, 57 cases were reported from Hospitals and the remaining 500 cases relate to the various Divisions of the City. The death rate works out to 9·9 per 1,000 population as against 10·1 in the previous year. Deaths.

337. The Municipal High School continued to function during the year and an expenditure of Rs. 12,000 was incurred from Municipal funds. There were 340 (284) pupils on the roll. A sum of Rs. 7,598 was realised as fees during the year. Education.

338. An estimate for Rs. 1·20 lakhs for the construction of an additional R.C.C tank of 2 lakhs gallons capacity at Davangere was sanctioned by Government, the cost being met in equal proportion between the Government and the Municipality. Government have also sanctioned an estimate for Rs. 10·23 lakhs for the Underground Drainage Scheme.

(xvii) Administration of District Boards.

339. The Local Boards Enquiry Committee which was constituted in December 1953, under the Chairmanship of Sri D. H. Chandrasekhariah, furnished their report on 28th August 1954, recommending the continuance of the existing District Boards with certain modified functions and powers, and also the creation of statutory Boards at Taluk level. The Government decided to continue the District Boards with their present functions and duties providing for their being directly elected on the basis of adult franchise. As this meant amendment of the Village Panchayets and District Boards Act and the amendment could not be put through before 31st March Constitution.

1955 fresh Boards were not constituted. The District Boards, therefore, continued to be administered by the Special Officers during the year.

Income and Expenditure.

340. The total income and expenditure of the District Boards during the year were Rs. 48,88,782 (Rs. 61,67,612) and Rs. 52,51,346 (Rs. 50,20,325) respectively as per details furnished below:—

	INCOME (REVENUE)	Rs.
1	Local Cess including Land Revenue assignments.	21,85 611
2	Tolls and ferries ...	1,32,352
3	Fees, Fines and Miscellaneous ...	11,94,214
4	Contribution and grants-in-aid ...	10,49,800
5	Railway Cess of previous years ...	19,997
6	Public Debt ...	3,06,808
	Total ...	48,88,782

	EXPENDITURE.	Rs.
1	Public Works executed by the Public Works Department ...	4,51,784
2	Public Works executed by the Boards agency ...	19,48,971
3	Administration and Collection ...	3,41,304
4	Public Health, Safety and convenience ...	12,81,795
5	Miscellaneous contribution ...	7,31,310
6	Public Debt ...	4,96,182
	Total ...	52,51,346

The District Boards of Mysore and Tumkur continued to maintain their own Engineering Establishments.

341. The reclassification of roads into State Fund Roads and District Fund Roads ordered in August 1953 was reviewed by Government during the year and certain revision in the classification was ordered. The District Boards maintained a total length of 4,963 miles and 6½ furlongs (4,893 miles and 2½ furlongs) during the year.

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Public Works.

342. The Boards executed public works of the value of Rs. 19,48,972 (Rs. 21,51,944), during the year through their own agency and works to the value of Rs. 4,51,784 (Rs. 1,44,189) through the Public Works Department.

343. The District Boards of Bangalore and Tumkur formed 78 miles and 3 furlongs of new roads and the District Board, Mysore, formed 42 roads during the year. The other Public Works undertaken by the Boards were, construction of dispensary buildings, school buildings, *pravasimandira* buildings, bridges, causeways, etc.

Local Development Works.

344. The scheme of Local Development Works, sponsored by the Planning Commission, Government of India, continued to be in operation during the year. One hundred and two (126) works were sanctioned for execution at a total cost of Rs. 3,52,402 (Rs. 3,99,576) and out of them 51 works were completed.

Dispensaries.

345. There were 300 (266) Local Fund Dispensaries and Maternity Homes during the year, of which 9 were newly opened. The total expenditure incurred on all the dispensaries was Rs. 5,45,580 (Rs. 5,55,999) and 43,66,255 (40,77,469) patients were treated during the year. There were 238 (232) *Ayurvedic* and *Unani* dispensaries maintained at a cost of Rs. 2,33,036 (Rs. 2,59,481).

Veterinary Dispensaries

346. There were 218 (213) Veterinary dispensaries, of which 3 were newly opened during the year and the District Boards contributed Rs. 20,629 (Rs. 23,339) for their maintenance.

High Schools

347. There were 55 (55) High Schools during the year and the District Boards incurred an expenditure of Rs. 3,14,924 (Rs. 3,79,674) towards their maintenance.

Jatras and Cattle Fairs

348. Thirty cattle fairs and *jatras* were conducted by the District Boards in various places during the year and an income of Rs. 33,035 (Rs. 54,510) was realised during the year.

Public Health, Safety and Convenience

349. The District Boards incurred an expenditure of Rs. 12,81,795 (Rs. 12,39,877) on public health during the year. There were 271 midwives who conducted 19,606 labour cases during the year. The number of vaccinations conducted during the year was 5,05,775.

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Audit.

350. The accounts of seven District Boards were audited during the year.

The Chief Executive Officers.

351. The Chief Executive Officers were continued in all the District Boards in the State during the year.

District Board, Bellary.

352. The Board continued to function under the Deputy Commissioner, Bellary, as the Special Officer. The receipts and expenditure of the Board were Rs. 15,04,339 (Rs. 15,20,815) and Rs. 14,85,517 (Rs. 18,50,359) respectively. It has an Engineering Establishment of its own and maintains a total length of 357 (337) miles and 5 furlongs at a total cost of Rs. 94,872 (Rs. 55,046).

353. There were 308 (283) Elementary Schools and 6 (6) High Schools, 27 (26) regular institutions and subsidised dispensaries of modern medicine and Indian medicine during the year.

(xviii) Municipal Administration.

354. There were 105 Town Municipalities in the State excluding two Municipalities in the Bellary District. All these Municipalities except the Town Municipal Council, Y. N. Hosakote in Tumkur District were reconstituted from 1st April 1952. The Town Municipal Council, Y. N. Hosakote was newly constituted. The Town Municipal Councils of Chamarajanagar and Ramasamudram were amalgamated with effect from 24th April 1954.

355. The total population of the Town Municipalities in the State during the year was 9,11,427 (excluding Bellary District).

356. The total number of elected and nominated members of the several Municipalities in all the Districts at the end of the year was 1,718 as against the sanctioned strength of 1,730. Of these, three were appointed by Government and the remaining 1,715 elected. The total number of meetings held by the Town Municipal Councils during the year was 2,228 (2,176).

357. The Municipal Councils framed bye-laws and rules on the basis of the model bye-laws and rules issued by Government and many of the Bye-laws and Rules sanctioned by Government were being adopted in several Municipalities.